

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 8 and 16 as set forth in the complete claim listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

We claim:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing using a computer network including a plurality of reporting stations each including a display and a powerhorn, and a plurality of registration stations each including a camera and fingerprint scanner, and a network server in wireless communication with all of said reporting stations and registration stations, comprising the steps of:

collecting registration information from a person at one of said registration stations, said

collecting further comprising the substeps of,

photographing one or more images of a person using said camera;

obtaining a fingerprint of said person from said fingerprint scanner;

converting said fingerprint to a digital record;

recording said images and digital fingerprint record electronically;

collecting and recording identifying information related to said person and
a guardian or responsible person;

transferring said identifying information and said recorded images to a portable storage
medium;

transferring said recorded images and identifying information to said system server;

receiving notification that said person is missing;

upon receipt of said lost person notification, broadcasting said images and digital

fingerprint to all of said plurality of reporting stations, displaying said images to the

general public on the display of all said reporting stations whilst simultaneously announcing an alert on the powerhorn in hope that said public will locate and return the lost person to said guardian or responsible person; and providing said fingerprint to proper authorities if said lost person is not returned.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of printing a label at the registration station bearing the identifying information related to said person and attaching said label to said portable storage medium.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of erasing the data from the portable storage media.

6. (Currently Amended) A lost person notification system for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing comprising:

a plurality of reporting stations each including a computer, display and powerhorn;

a portable storage medium;

a plurality of registration stations each including a computer, camera[[s]] for photographing and recording one or more images of a person, and personal identification forms, and said plurality of registration stations recording said one or more images and identifying information from said personal identification forms to said portable storage medium, and data handler software resident on a system server;

whereupon reading of the portable storage medium by any of said plurality of reporting stations prompts a notification of alert in which said one or more images and identifying information are communicated to all of said plurality of reporting stations and the display and powerhorn of all of said plurality of reporting stations are immediately and instantaneously activated to sound and display said one or more images and identifying information.

7. (Previously Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data handler software comprises:

- a data collection module;
- data compression software
- a database; and
- a data transfer module.

8. (Currently Amended) The lost person notification system of claim 7 wherein said data compression software compresses ~~the~~ a fingerprint scan and full-body photograph images into smaller records than the face photograph image.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a public address amplifier.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a smart card reader.

14. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a conventional smart card and associated smart card reader.

15. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a flash memory.

16. (Currently Amended) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said ~~data handler software~~ registration stations further ~~comprises~~ include a label printer.

17. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said network protocol is a standard wireless protocol.

18. (Original) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a wireless access point (WAP) device.